

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 582[1].jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1300196.000

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 10 April 2013

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 09 April 2013

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the printout shows the naked upper torso of a girl who appears to be an older child or young teenager posing for the camera. The camera focuses exclusively on her naked breasts and cuts off most of her face. The purpose of the image is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children or young people. By presenting a sexualised image of a young girl, the computer file encourages this sexual interest.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.